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TEXT OF FIRST UPI STORY TO COME OVER WIRES FOLLOWS. LIMITED
NEWSPAPER AND TV COVERAGE WE HAVE OBSERVED IS NOT NEARLY
SO DISTORTED--WASHPOST AND NYT STORIES ARE MORE BALANCED--
BUT GREATER COORDINATION IN MILITARY FIELD AND CONCERNS
ABOUT PARTIAL SETTLEMENTS COME THROUGH IN ALL OF THEM.

BEGIN TEXT QUOTE DAMASCUS, SYRIA (UPI) -- SYRIA AND JORDAN
ANNOUNCED TODAY THEY HAD ESTABLISHED A JOINT COMMAND TO
COORDINATE THEIR ARMIES AGAINST ISRAEL AND CALLED ON THE
ARAB WORLD TO REJECT ANY COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT WORKED OUT
BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER.

QUOTE THE TWO COUNTRIES ISSUED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH
THEY ASKED ALL ARAB NATIONS TO MARSHAL THEIR MILITARY
MACHINE AGAINST AND REJECT PARTIAL PEACE SETTLEMENTS.

QUOTE THEY SHARPLY CRITICIZED KISSINGER'S ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE
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TIATE A SINAI AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL AND SAID
'EVENTS HAVE SHOWN THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT MILITARY
FORCE AND PREPAREDNESS'IN CONFRONTING ISRAEL.
QUOTE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JORDANIAN-SYRIAN SUPREME

COMMAND COUNCIL, AS IT WILL BE NAMED, AND THE SHARP CRITICISM OF KISSINGER'S CURRENT SHUTTLE MISSION CAME AT THE END OF A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO SYRIA BY KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN.

QUOTE HUSSEIN AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD REJECTED THE NOTION THAT THE SINAI SETTLEMENT KISSINGER IS NOW TRYING TO SEAL BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL WILL HELP PROMOTE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

QUOTE THEY SAID ONLY AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES ON THEIR FRONTS AS WELL AS EGYPT'S COULD DO THAT. THEY SAID ONLY 'A MILITARILY STRONG ARAB NATION' COULD GUARANTEE SUCH A WITHDRAWAL.

QUOTE 'THE TWO LEADERS ATTACH SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE MOBILIZATION OF THE RESOURCES OF THE ARAB NATION TO MASS THEM IN BATTLE AGAINST THE ZIONIST ENEMY,' THE COMMUNIQUE SAID.

QUOTE IT SAID THE ARABS HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO 'BUILD UP THEIR MILITARY POWER...BECAUSE EVENTS HAVE SHOWN THAT THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT MILITARY FORCE AND PREPAREDNESS TO CONFRONT THE INTRANSIGENCE AND MANEUVERS OF THE ENEMY.' UPI 08-22 08:34 AED UNQUOTE END TEXT
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